

## Hylan Bars Aid To Families of Slain Policemen

Hurries to Atlantic City Without Leaving Memorandum on Veto of Pension Increase to Bereaved

Tenants Denied Refund

Mayor's Rejection of Bill to Pay Back Thousands in Jury Fees Is Unexplained

Surprise was expressed yesterday in municipal circles at Mayor Hylan's hasty departure for Atlantic City Thursday without leaving a memorandum, as is his custom, explaining his reasons for vetoing a bill providing for the return of jury fees, amounting to between \$150,000 and \$200,000, in certain cases of victims of profiteering landlords. None of the city officials outside of the Mayor's office knew that he had vetoed the bill until it came before Governor Miller at Albany Friday. No explanations were forthcoming here yesterday.

Surprise also was caused at the Mayor's veto of the Lockwood-Crews bill providing for increased pension allowances for the widows, children and dependent parents of heroic policemen who met death in the performance of duty. The Mayor also sent this bill to Albany without leaving a memorandum. At the public hearing on these bills last week the Mayor indicated, and his friends expected, that he would approve them.

**Enright Backed Pension Bill**  
The Mayor's veto of the bills required that the Governor automatically veto them. The jury fees bill was one of the Lockwood committee measures. The police pension bill was advocated by Police Commissioner Enright. When inquiries were made yesterday at the Commissioner's office, word was sent out that the Commissioner was too busy to discuss the matter. The Mayor's veto of the police bill was all the more amazing as it was understood that members of the administration had promised the widow of a slain policeman they had taken steps to have her and her family of seven children properly provided for. In advocating the passage of the measure the friends of the Hylan administration said it would help toward bettering the police morale, as it would guarantee to the

men on the force that their families would be adequately taken care of in case they met death in the performance of duty.

**Tenants Cannot Recover Now**

The Mayor's veto of the jury fees bill has raised a storm of criticism among those who advocated it. It was brought out during the Lockwood committee investigation that many tenants joined their complaints and had them all tried as one, but that all were required to pay the fee of \$3 for a jury trial. Where a hundred complaints were joined, fees amounting to \$300 were collected, and a fee of only \$3 had to be paid. The balance of these fees was turned over to the City Chamberlain, who now holds the money, which will eventually go into the fund for the reduction of taxation.

This procedure was severely criticized by Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the Lockwood committee, and by some of the courts. Several magistrates were questioned before the Lockwood committee, but it was found the only way to remedy the situation was by legislative enactment. The Mayor's unexplained veto, however, has blocked any recovery by the tenants.

**Vassar Debaters Win From Amherst College**

**Take Affirmative in Demand for Compulsory Arbitration in Labor Disputes**  
AMHERST, Mass., April 15.—The Vassar College affirmative team won by a 2 to 1 vote of the judges in the debate with the Amherst College team in Johnson Chapel here to-night on the question: "Resolved, That it is in accord with public interest to abridge the right to strike and the right to lock out by requiring industrial disputes to be settled by compulsory arbitration."

The chairman of the debate was President Alexander McKeljohn of Amherst College. The judges were Horace M. Kallen, of the New School for Social Research; Esther Lowenthal, of the department of economics of Smith College; and Edward J. Woodhouse, of the department of government of Smith College. The judges cast secret ballots without discussion. The debate was well attended.

**U. S. Issue Is Doubled**  
**Subscriptions of \$300,000,000 for Short Time Notes**

WASHINGTON, April 15.—A heavy over-subscription of the new Treasury issue of 3½ per cent six-month certificates bearing the lowest government interest rate since 1912 was announced to-night by Secretary Mellon. Preliminary reports, he said, indicate that the total subscriptions will aggregate more than \$300,000,000 for the issue, which was for about \$150,000,000. All the Federal reserve districts, he said, have reported over-subscriptions of their quota. Further details as to allotments will be announced when the final reports are received by the Treasury.

## Lawyer Must Repay \$40,000 to Client On Bad Investments

**Court Directs Attorney to Take Over All Property Bought at His Direction and Pay Woman Interest**

Holding that Thomas R. Martin, an attorney living at 21 West 126th Street and formerly District Attorney of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., violated his duties as counsel for Mrs. Emma A. Setien, of 14 Irving Place, and improperly invested her money, Justice Lydon of the Supreme Court decided yesterday that Martin must make restitution to his client. Justice Lydon directed the attorney to repay Mrs. Setien \$9,625 and also that he shall take over from his client certain properties, for which he is to pay her \$13,900, with interest bringing the total amount to about \$40,000.

Martin was arrested at the time Mrs. Setien brought her suit and is under a \$15,000 bail bond. Mrs. Setien's mother died in 1909, leaving her \$30,000. Mr. Martin had been attorney for the mother of Mrs. Setien and also acted as legal adviser for the executor of her estate. On his suggestion Mrs. Setien loaned \$25,000 on some unimproved property. "No mention was made in this mortgage," said Justice Lydon, "that the property

was already encumbered by prior mortgages amounting to \$28,000."

The record shows that Mr. Martin led his client into various deals that turned out disastrously and depleted her small fortune. "The defendant not only improperly invested the plaintiff's money," said the court, "but in several instances provided that he was to have a share of the profits realized upon such investments. In utter disregard of the duties which were placed upon him by virtue of his confidential and judicial relations as attorney for the plaintiff, after investments were made of questionable character, he took no steps to protect such investments or safeguard the plaintiff from inevitable loss."

**Major Runyon Gets Divorce**  
The final decree granting Major Henry W. Runyon, prominent New Jersey lawyer, an absolute divorce from Mrs. Edna H. Runyon was signed by Vice-Chancellor Lewis in Jersey City Friday. The divorce was granted to Major Runyon, who was formerly judge advocate general of the United States Army, on the ground of desertion.

## Prosecutors Draw Plan for Crime War in Massachusetts

**Attorney General and Eight District Attorneys in an All-Day Conference to Co-ordinate State Forces**

BOSTON, April 15.—First steps in the proposed war against crime in Massachusetts were taken to-day at an all-day conference attended by Attorney General J. Weston Allen, the eight district attorneys of the state and United States Attorney Robert O. Harris. A statement outlining the program was issued by Attorney General Allen at the conclusion of the conference, which was secret.

Measures looking to an agreement upon such procedure as seemed most advisable to insure the speedy arrest

and prosecution of criminals and "by vigorous enforcement of the laws and close co-operation among the various District Attorneys in the state, as well as with the Federal prosecutors, to bring a halt to the wave of crime." The program drawn up, his statement continued, included: "The indorsement of legislation to permit the appointment of additional justices to hold the criminal sessions in various sections of the state, to bring to speedy trial criminal cases which are now congesting the dockets of every district in this state." "Appointment of a committee to investigate the present method of selecting and drawing jurors and to recommend changes to remove evils that have crept into the present system, which have given rise to charges 'jury fixing' and other evils." "Recommendation of a suspended jail sentence in addition to a heavy fine for first offenders in liquor cases." "Co-operation in the pursuit and arrest of criminals without regard to the question of jurisdiction of the District Attorney in the case, to secure quick action in the rounding up of criminals."

"Indorsement of the bill to allow the

Attorney General to call special sessions of the grand jury with the approval of the Chief Justice of the Superior Court or the presiding justice. "Indorsement of the bill recommended by the special committee on bail bonds to remedy the abuses which have grown up in the practice of accepting bail from professional bondsmen in criminal cases." "Indorsement of the recommendation of the attorney-general that no person who has already been accepted as surety of bail for one person, can offer the same property as surety for another person, and attaching a prison sentence to the penalty."

**Three Asleep on Rails Killed**

FORT WORTH, Tex., April 15.—Three men, Elmer Thrill, John Shumate and Ed Riggs, all of Columbus, Ohio, were killed late last night while sleeping on the tracks of the Texas & Pacific Railroad near Trimble, Texas, when a freight train passed over their bodies. A fourth member of the party, Edward Miner, of Port Henry, N. Y., escaped death by choosing the path beside the tracks as a place to sleep.

## Rival for Dog Baptizer

**Brookline Presbyterians Will Have Two Easter Pastors**

BROOKLINE, Mass., April 15.—When the congregation of the Brookline Presbyterian Church settles down for its Easter services to-morrow morning it will find two pastors prepared to officiate.

One will be the Rev. Edwin Curtis, whom the Boston Presbytery refused to install after hearing reports that he had baptized a dog and offered grace by blessing French fried potatoes. The other pastor will be the Rev. Hector Ferguson, of the Scotch Presbyterian Church, whom the Presbytery committee on vacancy and supply appointed for the Easter service.

The Rev. Mr. Curtis, supported by the majority of the congregation, was elected as pastor last week. It was said to-day that the presence of the other pastor probably would prove to be a formality.



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